RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been advised by Jim Kowalsky, Director of Wildlife and Parks for the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. that pending amendments to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 would reintroduce sport hunting into certain subsistence areas in Alaska which currently have national park status, and
- WHEREAS, the Gates of the Arctic National Park is currently open to local subsistence uses, including hunting and trapping, under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), and
- WHEREAS, the Gates of the Arctic National Park is closed to sport hunting and to non-local trapping under ANILCA, and
- WHEREAS, the amendments discussed above will reopen portions of the National Parks including gates of the Arctic sport hunting, and
- WHEREAS, ANIICA represents certain specific compromises which are beneficial to local native people, ind
- WHEREAS, any amendments which will reopen ANIICA to change would destroy those provisions which protect local native residents, and
- WHEREAS, an amendment has been introduced in Congress to bring sport hunting and non-local trapping back into a large fraction of Gates of the Arctic National Park, which would result in interference with local needs and well-being of local Native subsistence users and residents generally, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. in their opposition to these potentially damaging amendments which will have a direct effect on Native Alaskans and the level of subsistence available to them.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports the Tanana Chiefs Conference Board of Directors in its opposition to proposed amendments to ANIICA now in the U. S. House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate which would reopen Gates of the Arctic National Park to sport hunting.

The foregoing resolution was on August 03, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and by-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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